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1. COMMERCE AND DEPARTMENT ARE INVESTIGATING AVAILABLE RECORDS AND FIND THAT UNITED AIRCRAFT INTERNATIONAL WAS INFORMED BY OEA THAT REEXPORT LICENSES FOR US ORIGIN PARTS FOR SUPERFRELONS EXPORTED TO CHINA WOULD BE ISSUED WHENEVER THE CIVIL USE ISSUE IS SETTLED AND THE TRANSACTION IS APPROVED IN COCOM (I.E. BY LIFTING OF US RESERVE). CONTACTS BY UAI WITH THE OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN TELEPHONIC ENQUIRIES AS FAR BACK AS MARCH OF THIS YEAR. MC OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE INDICATED THAT NO MCLICENSE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CIVIL VERSIONS OF THE SUPERFRELON AND MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ASSUMED THAT UAI SHOULD HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN AWARE OF COMMERCE AUTHORITY OVER REEXPORTS OF EMBARGOED US CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTS AND COMPONENTS. COMMERCE IS CONTACTING UAI DIRECTLY

TO LEARN OF THE CONTENTS OF THAT FIRM'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH SNIAS.

2. MEANWHILE, IN VIEW OF VARNOUX' STATEMENT THAT THE SNIAS-CMIEC CONTRACT "EXCLUDES ALL DOUBT AS TO THE CIVIL USE OF THE HELICOPTERS," DEL/EMBOFFS SHOULD REQUEST THE WORDING OF THE RELEVANT CLAUSES SO THAT WE MAY OURSELVES REALIZE THE "COMPLETE SATISFACTION" WHICH HE PREDICTS THE CONTRACT TERM S WILL AFFORD TO US AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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